

REMARKS

Claims 1-228 are pending. Claims 5 have been amended, and new claim 229 has been added. Claims 5-9 and 58-61 are directed to the invention elected in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed concurrently herewith.

Support for the Amendments

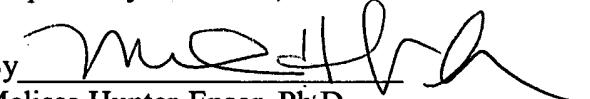
Support for the amendments is found in the claims and specification as originally filed. Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1, which has been withdrawn. Support for new claim 229 is found at page The remaining amendments were made merely to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that no additional fee is due to consider the present amendment. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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